## MANAGER, CUSTOMER SERVICES

PURPOSE: To manage the Customer Services Division of the Public Works & Utilities Department.

#### **FUNCTIONAL AREAS:**

- 1. Plan, direct, supervise and evaluate the services provided by the Customer Services Division, including customer account maintenance and security, appliance inspections and servicing, and meter reading operations.
- \* A. Formulate and implement division policies and procedures.
- \* B. Establish long- and short-range goals and objectives within budgetary constraints.
- \* C. Develop and monitor division budget, submit bids, and approve purchases of supplies, parts, equipment, and service contracts.
- \* D. Assess current operations, procedures, problems, or needs.
- \* E. Formulate, recommend, implement and evaluate the effectiveness of new or revised methods and plans to increase productivity, improve performance, and reduce costs.
- \* F. Monitor and review work in progress and provide direction and assistance with operational problem solving.
- \* G. Participate in coordinating work among various divisions.
- \* H. Establish office and reporting procedures.
- \* I. Develop and implement procedures for cash management and security.
- \* J. Direct Customer Call Center operations, and consult with other divisions to ensure effective operation.
- \* K. Direct Measurement Center operations, including inventory control and meter testing and calibrating.
  - L. Monitor activities to ensure conformance with governmental regulations, departmental policies, safety regulations, and labor agreements.
- \* M. Prepare and present oral and written reports as required.
- 2. Supervise the Customer Services Division staff.
- \* A. Prioritize, schedule and assign work, including developing yearly duty schedules.
- \* B. Effectively recommend the hire, transfer, promotion, and suspension or discharge of subordinate personnel.
- \* C. Establish work standards, provide coaching and feedback, and conduct employee evaluations.
- \* D. Discipline assigned personnel as necessary.
- \* E. Provide for the training of employees in proper and safe work methods and procedures.
- \* F. Effectively recommend adjustments or other actions in employee grievances.
- \* G. Delegate authority and responsibilities to others as needed.
- \* H. Disseminate instructions and information to employees through oral and

#### written communications.

- 3. Perform other duties as assigned.
- \* A. Process and investigate customer questions and complaints.
- \* B. Review technical journals, legislation, regulations, and other related materials affecting division operations.
  - C. Negotiate, prepare and monitor utility payment and other contracts.
  - D. Develop, implement, and supervise a program of routine maintenance of assigned buildings.
- \* E. Manage the Energy Loan Program, Comfort Policy Program, and marketing efforts of the division.
  - F. Perform related tasks as assigned.

#### JOB REQUIREMENTS

## **Education & Experience Requirements**

♦ A. Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration or a related field, plus five (5) years of progressively responsible, verifiable experience in office management and administration in a utility field; or a combination of education and experience which is accepted as equivalent.

## Knowledge Requirements

- ♦ A. Knowledge of accepted supervisory and personnel management practices and the ability to use them effectively.
- ♦ B. Knowledge of budgeting theory, methods, principles and practices.
- ♦ C. Knowledge of program planning, implementation, analysis and evaluation principles and practices.
- ◆ D. Extensive knowledge of the principles, methods and techniques used in computerized billing, credit, and collection.
- ♦ E. Knowledge of natural gas and water utility operations.
  - F. Knowledge of labor relations and labor agreements.
- G. Knowledge of research and data analysis methods for the purpose of budget and program management.
  - H. Knowledge of the principles, methods, equipment and materials used in the installation, operation, and maintenance of gas and water meters and appliances.
  - I. Knowledge of local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to credit and collection work and gas and water meter and appliance installation, operation and repair.
- ♦ J. Knowledge of effective training methods.

# Skill Requirements

- A. Skill in managing, evaluating and analyzing operations and procedures related to division activities, including prioritizing, scheduling and coordinating work projects.
- ♦ B. Skill in effectively communicating on a one-to-one basis or with groups for the purpose of obtaining and providing information and for resolving conflicts.
- ♦ C. Skill in preparing and presenting accurate and concise written and oral reports to individuals and groups.
- ♦ D. Skill in supervising others.

### **Ability Requirements**

- ♦ A. Ability to interpret and analyze data and descriptive statistics.
- ♦ B. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the general public, staff, and City administrators.
- ♦ C. Ability to work independently to complete assignments with minimal information and general instructions.
- ♦ D. Ability to estimate costs and calculate budget projections.
- ♦ E. Ability to transport oneself to and around various work sites.
- ♦ F. Ability to transport light loads such as presentation materials weighing up to 25 pounds.
- ♦ G. Ability to attend work on a regular basis.
- \* Essential functions of the position
- ♦ Job requirements necessary on the first day of employment

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